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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OTRA, XB (HUMMEL, ARTHUR W.)
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL

1. WE NOTE YOUR INJUNCTION REQUESTING TOKYO TO FEND OFF ANY PRESS CONTACT AND WANT TO BE SURE WE ARE ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH IN THIS REGARD.
2. YOU WILL BE THE HIGHEST LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO VISIT THAILAND SINCE HABIB WAS HERE LAST YEAR AND YOUR VISIT WILL AROUSE A GOOD DEAL OF PRESS INTEREST, WHICH WILL BE HEIGHTENED BY THE FACT THAT YOUR ARRIVAL MORE LESS COINCIDES WITH THE RETURN FROM HANOI OF THE THAI DELEGATION.
3. THERE WILL BE TV AND PHOTO COVERAGE OF YOUR CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRESS WILL TRY TO ASK QUESTIONS WHICH YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BRUSH OFF OR ANSWER BRIEFLY AS YOU GO IN AND OUT.
4. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU COULD BRIEFLY

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ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THE AIRPORT THE MORNING OF YOUR

DEPARTURE. WE WILL HAVE A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR YOU,
BUT A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE DESIRABLE.
TRUST THIS WILL OK.
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